future Basic Service Operators, out of the charges collected by the cellular operators for the fixed leg of the call, 5% will be retained by the cellular operator.

Bogus Telephone Exchange

†218. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bogus telephone exchanges are operating freely in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to detect and closedown such telephone exchanges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There have been cases regarding operation of clandestine telecom network for passing of illegal STD/ISD calls.

(b) and (c) whenever complaint/information is received, the same is investigated departmentally as well as with the help of CBI/Police, wherever necessary. Departmental action under the rules and/or action for prosecution in the court of law is taken against the persons found guilty. The following steps have been taken to prevent such frauds:

(i) Premises having bulk telephone connection or Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) lines arc kept under special watch.

(ii) A close coordination between service provider and investigating agencies is being maintained to book the offenders.

(iii) Checks at Exchange level have been intensified.

Computerisation of Post Offices in Gujarat

†219. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ**:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

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